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Cromwell Advertisements

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
FAMILY GROCERS
WINE, SPIRIT, AND GENERAL MERCHANTS.

We desire to intimate that in order to meet the growing exigencies of our business, we have lately built substantial stone additions to our former premises.

At the urgent request of our numerous customers, we have added to our other branches of business, that of

DRAPERY, CROCKERY, & IRONMONGERY.

We would further notify that, having engaged a Buyer in connection with our business to select special lines consigned from the Home and Melbourne markets, we will in future be in a position to offer such superior advantages to our customers as will not fail to ensure a continuance of their liberal patronage, and, more especially, will command the attention and confidence of the Trade, Runholders, and Large Buyers.

DAVID A. JOLLY & CO.

Our GROCERY STOCK comprises:

Teas, of excellent flavour, in chests, half-chests, and boxes
Coffees, from the pure bean, ground on the premises
Cocoa, Chocolate, of the best brands
Sugars: crystals of every shade, and crushed loaf
Bacon, Cheese, Butter: weekly supplies from the best dairies
Jams, Jellies, and Pickles

TOBACCO.

Imperial, Aromatic, cable-twist—superior Cameron's celebrated brands—Havelock, Golden Bar, Venus tens Barrett's Twist, in quarter-tierces and boxes.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

Brandies: Hennessy's, Associated Vineyard, Martell's, in bulk and case
Whiskies: Old Glenury, Islay, Longjohn's, in bulk and case
Rum: Lemon Hart's
Port: Fine old Offley's, six grape
Sherry: Gonzola, six diamond
Gin: JDKZ Geneva, Nectar, and Kammill
Old Tom: Burnett's, Bernard's
Claret: St. Julien's

IRONMONGERY STOCK consists of

Blasting powder and fuse
Gunpowder, caps, and shot
Long and short handled shovels
Spades, slugs, forks
Picks and pickhandles
Gold dishes, hose-pipes
Drills and drilling hammers
Manilla and flax ropes
White lead, castor, boiled, and colza oils
Galvanised and corrugated iron
Stoves and piping

CANVAS, SADDLERY, AND BRUSHWARE.

HOLT'S SEWING MACHINES: CABINET AND HAND.

DRAPERY AND CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Suits: silk-mixture, Galatea, Paget, sac Boys' do.
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Shirts: white dress, crimpans, Scotch twill, tweed
Pants and undershirts, in flannel, lamb's-wool, merino, and cotton
Hosiery and hats

BOOTS & SHOES.

Boots: men's elastic-sides, watertight, half-Wellingtons; Hayward and North British Gum Boot Women's and children's Boots, Shoes, and Slippers, in calf, kid, and cashmere.

N.B.—All goods in this department are marked at low prices.

CROCKERYWARE.

Breakfast, dinner, and bedroom sets complete
Lamps: parlour, hanging, bracket

FILTERS, VASES, AND LUSTRES.

FANCY GOODS.

Electro-plated Britannia-metal tea and coffee pots; meerschaum and briar pipes—a choice selection; patent medicines; stationery; perfumery.

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D. A. J. & Co. have been appointed sole agents for the sale of Butel Bros.' superior silk-dressed flour, bran, and pollard; and are prepared to promptly execute all orders within a radius of sixty miles.—FLOUR GUARANTEED. TERMS LIBERAL.

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New Season Tea, 1878-79 (Boxes of 12lb), 23s
Cocoa (pound tins), 1s 6d
Muscateles, 1s 2d per lb
Jordan Almonds, 2s 3d per lb
ELEMES, 7d per lb
Lemon Peel, 1s 5d per lb
Two-crown Soap, 12s per box
Three-crown Soap, 14s per box
Cheese, 10d per lb
Hams, 10d per lb
Kerosene (Noonday), 12s per tin.

Fresh Herring, 8d per tin.
Lobsters, 10d per tin
Salmon, 10d per tin
Sardines (half-pound tins), 1d
Sardines (quarter-pound tins), 7d
Oysters, 7d per tin
Tainsh's Jams, 11d per tin
Figs, 1s per box
Preserved Fruits, 2s.
Pickles, 1s per bottle
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ABOVE PRICES ARE STRICTLY CASH.

Men's Elastic Sides, Lace-ups and Watertights, Colonial Made, 14s 6d.

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THE LARGEST AND BEST-SELECTED STOCK

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AGENTS FOR

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A GOOD SUPPLY OF BRAN, POLLARD, AND PRODUCE OF ALL KINDS ALWAYS ON HAND.

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W. TALBOYS,

Having determined to Extend his Premises,

WILL HOLD A

Great Clearing Sale

OF HIS EXTENSIVE AND VARIED STOCK OF

DRAPERY, HOSIERY, HABERDASHERY, CLOTHING, BOOTS & SHOES, &c., &c.,

EXTENDING OVER ONE MONTH ONLY

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Cromwell

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CLYDE—Every Thursday, excepting the Teviot Court week.

CROMWELL—Every Friday.

ALEXANDRA—Monday, January 12 and 26

February 9 and 23

March 8 and 22

[The District Court Office at Alexandra will be open on the above dates for the transaction of business.]

ROXBURGH—Tuesday, January 6

February 3

March 2

OPHIR—Tuesday, January 13

February 10

March 9

JACKSON KEDDELL,
Warden and R.M.

M R A. F. BLOOD, B. A.,
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SOLICITOR AND CONVEYANCER

In the District, R.M. and Warden's Courts, Cromwell.

Mr Blood is prepared to visit Alexandra, Blacks, &c., when professionally required.

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WHEELWRIGHT

AND COACH BUILDER,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL

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A Large Supply of Well-seasoned American and
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Repairs done in best style.

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Has always on hand a fine selection of Paper
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Contracts undertaken for General Painting,
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WATCHMAKER & JEWELLER,

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English Mail,

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direct from the

this district, he

can with confidence recommend them to the

public both as regards finish and accuracy of

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E.M. has made arrangements for regular sup-

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Having accepted the above Company's Agency
or New Zealand, direct the attention of Rail-
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the use of these STRONGEST EXPLOSIVES
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For Mining, Quarrying, Blasting in hard or
soft rock, and for Submarine Works (Krebs'
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The SUPERIOR STRENGTH of these COLONIAL
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Price—1 case, 2s 9d per lb.

5 " 2s 6d "

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PRINCES-STREET, DUNEDIN.

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Agent for Cromwell:

CHARLES COLOCOUGH.

R. AND A. J. PARK,

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J O H N S M I T H

begs to intimate to the Public that he

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WELL-KNOWN AND COMMODIOUS STABLES

(Late Starkey and Scally's),

And hopes, by attention and civility, to merit a
fair share of public patronage.

BUGGIES & SADDLE HORSES ALWAYS ON HIRE.

HORSES BROKEN IN, &c.

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FLOUR MILLS,

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Supply First-class

SILK-DRESSED FLOUR, BRAN AND POLLARD.

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Country orders executed with care and dis-

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O P H I R.

J. C. J O N E S

Begs to inform the inhabitants of the surround-
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machinery on the most improved principle, he
is prepared to supply

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of the best quality; also, Bran and Pollard.

Gristing at Current Rates.

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on his oatmeal machinery, and is prepared to
supply a first-class article at a most reasonable
rate.R.G.'s Mill being under the management of a
Miller of wide experience, the public can depend
upon a Constant Supply of Flour of the best
quality, and can offer it at as cheap a rate and
upon as reasonable terms as any in the district.

ROBERT GILMOUR.

N O T I C E

FOURPENCE each will be given by the
undersigned for the SKINS of Rabbits de-
stroyed on Mt. Pisa and Queenberry Runs
upon delivery at the Home Station.

I. LOUGHNAN.

4th July, 1879.

N O T I C E

A number of useless Curs are allowed to
prowl about on Kawarau Station by their
owners. This is to give them warning that
POISON will be laid wherever they are most
likely to get it.

JAMES COWAN.

October, 1877.

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8-h.p. horizontal Steam Engine and Boiler,

with winding and pumping gear

Several Sections in Cromwell

Cottage (furnished) and Section in Melmore

Terrace

Cottage and Section in Murray-street

Shop and Dwelling in Melmore-street

Cottage on Block IX.

Water-race of 12 heads (Lowburn)

Agricultural Lease Area of 200 Acres

Cromwell Coal Lease and Plant

Several Quartz-crushing Batteries

Bannockburn Water-race.

20 Acres, Freehold (fenced), adjoining Crom-

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Agent, Cromwell.

Cromwell

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CROMWELL.

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The Proprietor is now prepared to supply his
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BLACKSMITH & FARRIER,

Begs to intimate to Mining Companies and the
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where he hopes, by strict attention to business
and reasonable charges, to merit a share of the
public patronage.

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R O B E R T W I S H A R T,
GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER, MACHINIST,
&c.Every description of work in connection with
Mining and Farming Tools and Machinery made
and repaired on the premises.Good Workmanship guaranteed at Reasonable
Prices.R. W. begs to intimate to the public generally
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CAST-IRON BED for TIRING WHEELS, being the
first introduced up-country; and in this branch
he will guarantee to give every satisfaction.Horses shod on the latest and most-approved
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Light shoes 10s.

Draught do. 16s.

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reasonable prices.In the Veterinary and Shoeing Department
the advertiser has considerable experience, and
in these branches can guarantee to suit those
who favor him with their patronage.Horses carefully and skilfully treated for
all complaints.

Note the Address—

MURRAY STREET, CROMWELL,

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W I N E, S P I R I T, A N D P R O V I S I O N M E R-

C H A N T S, A N D G E N E R A L

S T O R E K E E P E R S,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

Having completed their arrangements for the
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intimating that they have now on hand, and
constantly arriving, full supplies of

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KIRTLEBURN HOTEL,
ROARING MEG.

T. GORMAN Proprietor.

The travelling public will find every comfort and accommodation at this hostelry.

Wines, Beer, and Spirits of best brands.

JOHN MARS H,
BRIDGE HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

VALUE FOR MONEY.

VICTORIA BRIDGE HOTEL.

J. McCORMICK Proprietor.

The above well-known Hotel (late Edwards') has undergone a thorough renovation at the hands of the present proprietor, and is now second to no house on the main road from Cromwell to Queenstown.

Travellers may rest assured that they will receive every attention at the above Hotel.

The excellent range of STONE STABLES is under the charge of an experienced Groom. Horses will therefore secure every attention.

BANNOCKBURN HOTEL & STORE,
DOCTOR'S FLAT, BANNOCKBURN,
(On the Main Road to the Nevis).

GROCERIES, CLOTHING, BOOTS, and HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES of all descriptions kept in Stock

For The Goods, being obtained DIRECT from Dunedin, are retailed at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

N.B.—Good Stabling, Horse Feed, &c.

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VICTORIA HOTEL,
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JAMES STUART,
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A first-class table kept, and superior eight-stall stone stable, replete with every convenience for Travellers. Unsurpassed in the District.

N.B.—The nearest Hotel to the Court-house.

CRITE RION HOTEL,
ALEXANDRA.

HENRY TOHILL, Proprietor.

H. TOHILL begs to inform the Travelling Public that this Hotel possesses every convenience, and trusts, by strict attention to the comfort of Travellers and the Public generally, to merit their patronage.

PRIVATE PARLOR AND BEDROOMS.

Large and commodious Billiard Room and Alcock's Prize Table.

THE BEST OF WINES, SPIRITS AND BEER ONLY KEPT.

The Culinary Department Specially attended to.

GOOD STABLING.

PORT PHILIP HOTEL,
SUNDERLAND STREET, CLYDE.

JOHN COX, Proprietor.

This well-known Hotel possesses every accommodation; and J. C. begs to inform the Travelling Public that, to suit the times, he has determined on reducing the charges, which, from date, will be as follows:—

Stabling, per night 6s
Single Feed 2s
Meals and Bed, each 2s
Board and Lodging, per week 30s
Board only 20s

The Stables attached to the Hotel comprise, besides Stalls, Eight Loose Boxes. An efficient Groom always in attendance, and only the best of Provender kept.

Cobb and Co.'s. coaches arrive and depart from this Hotel.

THE BEST BRANDS OF SPIRITS, WINES, AND BEERS.

N.B.—A Private Cottage for Families, containing all the comforts of a home.

Hotel

BALLARAT HOTEL,
ARROWTOWN.

Mrs G. B. BOND, Proprietress;

The above Hotel is replete with every convenience and comfort, rendering it eminently suitable for the travelling public, while permanent boarders will find all the comforts of a home.

FIRST-CLASS STABLING

Efficiently managed.

Prize Billiard Table, with all accessories and careful attendance.

Cromwell

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4,000 TOTARA and BLACK PINE POSTS.

Apply to D. COLWELL, Pembroke.

FIRST-CLASS MINING INVESTMENT.

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE CONTRACT.

CHARLES COLCLOUGH has FOR SALE that splendid Mining Property known as ROWES' CLAIM, at the Kawarau Gorge, comprising the Claim (from which the yields are splendid), and Two Water-races, having a large and constant supply of water (the whole of one and one-half of the other), and commanding all the auriferous ground in the district.

The whole is in first-class order, yielding over £1200 per annum; and the Water-races, independently of their command of the mining ground, will always command a high value for irrigation purposes, for which they can be applied to all the agricultural country around, including the whole of the Cromwell Flat.

Every information will be given to bona fide purchasers, as well as satisfactory reasons for the disposal of the property. Terms easy.



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A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams, Bacon, &c., always on hand.

**Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout the district.



R. AND W. OLDS,

FAMILY BUTCHERS,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL,

In thanking householders of the town and district of Cromwell for the liberal patronage conferred upon them since starting business, desire to say that they have entered into such arrangements as will enable them to continue to supply their Customers with Beef, Mutton, Pork and other articles in the trade of the very best quality.

SMALL GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

Families and Hotels waited upon daily.



THE CROMWELL BAKERY.

J. SCOTT,

BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,
Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

THOMAS F O O T E,
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER

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Choice Selection of Tweeds on hand.

Stud Horses.



THE THOROUGHBRED HORSE
ARCHITECT

Will Stand at Mount Pisa Station during this Season.

TERMS . . . £4 4s.

Season to end and Mares to be removed by 31st December, 1879.

Every care taken of Mares, but no responsibility incurred.

I. LOUGHNAN.

6th October, 1879.

THE PURE THOROUGHBRED ENTIRE HORSE
HARUHA

Will Travel this Season

IN THE WAKATIPU AND CROMWELL DISTRICTS,

Commencing October 17, and calling every alternate week on Fridays at Cromwell, and at Perriam's Saturday and Sunday.

HARUHA is a Bay Horse, stands 15½ hands, with great substance and quality, good constitution and temper. Got by Towton—dam Fair Puritan by Oliver Cromwell out of Coronaria (imported), by Sweetmeat out of Jessica, by Launcelot, own brother to Touchstone.

Towton (imported), own brother to the Peer and Marchioness, by Melbourne—dam Cinizelli by Touchstone.

Haruha is full brother to Orange Lightning, half-brother to Sinking Fund, Roebuck, Tambourini, Atalanta, Papapa, Korari, and Puriri (winner of the Dunedin Derby and Christchurch St. Leger). He was bred by Mr Redwood, and sold in 1872 as a yearling for 400 guineas.

For further pedigree, see card.

TOM BEAUFORT,

Proprietor.

Arrowtown, Lake County,

8th September, 1879.



TO STAND THIS SEASON

AT

BELLVUE FARM, TARRAS,

The Pure Clydesdale Stallion,

MARQUIS OF LORNE.

PEDIGREE:

MARQUIS OF LORNE, bred by J. F. Kitching, Esq., is a bright bay, rising three years old. Sire—Governor, bred by Mr Robert Charters, Moy, East Taieri; his sire is the illustrious stud horse Nimmo's Emperor by Napoleon, imported from Scotland, bred by Mr Macadam, Kepochloch. His sire is by Mr Buchan, of Coldrach's horse, and his dam a mare purchased from Lorn Campbell, Esq., of Roseneath. Emperor's dam, Nancy, a well-known Clydesdale mare, bred by Mr Alexander Findlay, Sandy Hills, near Glasgow. Nancy was got by the celebrated Garvay Horse, and her dam by Scotsman, the property of James Kirkwood, Kilmars. Dam—Matty (lately the property of Mr John Stevenson, East Taieri), by Thane of Clyde, bred by Mr Thomas Young, Renfrewshire, Scotland. Thane of Clyde's sire is the far-famed horse Surprise, bred by Mr Murdoch, Lanarkshire; his grand sire Wallace. Mr Stevenson sold Matty to Mr J. F. Kitching for 200 guineas. Matty's dam, Bell, is out of Duchess, imported from Tasmania. Matty was the winner of two first, three second and two third prizes at Dunedin, Taieri and Tokomairiro, prior to her being sold to Mr Kitching. Her dam, Bell, carried off no less than thirteen first, seven second and three third prizes. Duchess is the dam of the following noted Clydesdales:—Entires: Lord Glasgow (sold to Mr W. Holley, Canterbury), Rantin Robin (sold to Mr Carmichael), Surprise (sold to Mr J. Robertson) and Blair Athol (sold to same buyer). Mares: Jean; Bell (sold to Mr W. Holley); and Bay Filly (sold to Mr R. Gawn).

Blasting Gelatine, 100.00, Nobel's patent. Nitro Glycerine, 93.36. No. 1 Dynamite, 75.11, Nobel's patent. Lithofracteur of the strongest and best make, 65.69.

The price of Nobel's Dynamite, notwithstanding its greater strength and purity, does not exceed even that of Lithofracteur, viz.:

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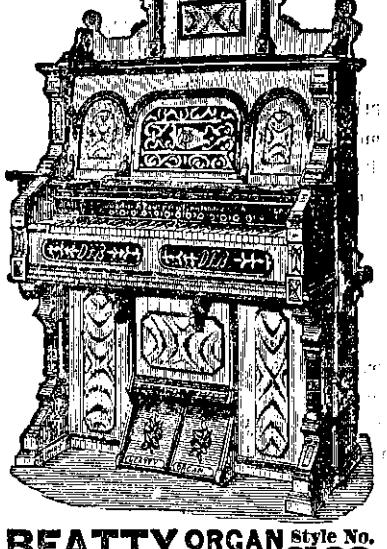
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BEATTY ORGAN Style No. 2100.

A beautiful Celtic style of architecture in this case, and stamps it at once as the most beautiful case extant. Dimensions: Height 74 in., Width, 48 in., Depth, 24 in. **3 Sets of Reeds.** **5 Octaves.** **13 Stops.** French Veneered Panelled Cases highly finished. Beatty's Improved Knee Swell, and Beatty's new Excelsior Grand Organ Knee Swell. The mechanism, design, and music in this Organ renders it the most desirable ever made, and suited for the parlour or drawing-room. Retail price asked for such an Organ by Agents three years ago about \$370.00. **My offer, Only \$97.** **Pay for the Instrument only after you have fully tested it at your own home.** If it is not as represented, return at my expense, I paying freight both ways. Remember, this offer is at the very lowest figure, and that I positively will not deviate from this price. **Fully warranted for 6 years.** **Every Organ sold, sells others.** **The most successful House in America.** More unsolicited testimonials than any manufacturer. I have extended my sales now over the entire world. **The name shines no where but fitting this instrument.** Since my return from an extended tour through the Countries of Europe, I am more determined than ever that no city or town throughout the civilized world shall be unrepresented by my celebrated instruments.

BEATTY PIANO \$145, \$135, and upwards. **Upwards.** **Informations.** Having recently been

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MELMORE TERRACE,
CROMWELL.

HENRY HOTOP.

Having purchased the Business lately conducted by Mr Max. Gall, begs to inform the residents of Cromwell, Clyde and the surrounding districts that he is now the only Dispensing Chemist in Vincent County, and that, to meet the requirements of his business, he has supplied himself with a Large Stock of DRUGS, CHEMICALS & PATENT MEDICINES Of every description.

In connection with the above, H. Hotop has also a most varied and choice Stock of

FANCY GOODS, PERFUMERY, SOAPS, COSMETICS, SCENTS, &c., &c., &c., That will well repay a visit of inspection.

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GENERAL NEWS AGENCY. English, European and American Newspapers and Journals supplied to Subscribers at low rates, and sent post free all over the country.

TOBACCO & CIGARS (Choicest Brands).

N.B.—As the business will be conducted under the immediate supervision of Mr H. Hotop, all those who may favor him with their commands may rely on every attention being paid them.

Prescriptions most carefully dispensed.

Orders received from the Clyde portion of the district will be promptly attended to.

HENRY HOTOP, Cromwell.

NOBEL'S PATENT DYNAMITE.

DALGETY, NICHOLS AND CO., Agents for the above Dynamite, beg to call the attention of Contractors, Miners, and others, to the great strength of Dynamite compared with other explosives as shown below:—

Blasting Gelatine, 100.00, Nobel's patent. Nitro Glycerine, 93.36. No. 1 Dynamite, 75.11, Nobel's patent. Lithofracteur of the strongest and best make, 65.69.

The price of Nobel's Dynamite, notwithstanding its greater strength and purity, does not exceed even that of Lithofracteur, viz.:

1 Case 50 lbs, 2s 9d per lb
5 " 2s 6d "
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W. JENKINS, Arrowtown.

Vincent County Gazette.

TENDERS will be received at the County Offices, Clyde, up till Noon of TUESDAY, the 27th day of January, 1880, for the undermentioned Works:—

CONTRACT 63—ERETION of TWO CHAIRS at the Nevis—one at the Township and one near O'Connell's, Upper Nevis.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the County Offices, Clyde, and Mr Masters' house, Upper Nevis.

CONTRACT 73—CONSTRUCTION of BRIDGE over Devil's Creek, on the road Rocky Point to Quartz-reef Point.

CONTRACT 74—CONSTRUCTION of BRIDGE over Quartz-reef Creek on the road Rocky Point to Quartz-reef Point.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the County offices, Clyde.

Tenders to be addressed to the Chairman, and marked "Tender for Contract No. —."

Neither the lowest nor any tender necessarily accepted.

L. D. MACGEORGE,
County Engineer.
County Offices, Clyde,
January 13, 1880.

TAKE NOTICE.—The VALUATION LISTS for the Ridings of Hawea, Lindis Clutha, Kawarau, Nevis, Earnsleugh, Matakanui, Manuherikia, and Dunstan, in the Vincent County, for the year 1880-81, are now open for inspection at the County Offices, Clyde, and a copy of the Hawea, Lindis, Clutha, Kawarau, and Nevis Lists are also open for inspection at the Court House, Cromwell; and a copy of the Matakanui and Manuherikia Lists are also open for inspection at the Police Station, Blacks.

All objections to the Hawea, Lindis, Clutha, Kawarau and Nevis Lists must be left at the County Office, Cromwell Bridge, on or before the 15th day of February next, addressed to the Assessment Court; and a copy of every such objection must be left at the Office of the County Council, Clyde, not less than seven days before the next sitting of the said Court.

All objections to the Matakanui and Manuherikia Lists must be left at the Court House, Blacks, on or before the 15th day of February next, addressed to the Assessment Court, and a copy of every such objection must be left at the office of the County Council, Clyde, not less than seven days before the next sitting of the said Court.

All objections to the Dunstan and Earnsleugh Lists must be left at the Court House, Clyde, on or before the 15th day of February next, addressed to the Assessment Court, and a copy of every such objection must be left at the office of the County Council, Clyde, not less than seven days before the next sitting of the said Court.

GEORGE CLARK,
County Clerk.
Vincent County Offices,
Clyde, 14th January, 1880.

NOTE
The VALUATION LIST for the Borough of Cromwell for the year 1880 is now open for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office.

All objections thereto must be left at the Court House, Cromwell, on or before the 15th day of February, addressed to the Assessment Court; and a copy of every such objection must be left at my office not later than seven days before the next sitting of the Court.

JAS. MARSHALL,
Town Clerk.
Cromwell, January 16th, 1880.

BOROUGH OF ALEXANDRA
TAKE NOTICE.

The VALUATION LIST for the Borough of Alexandra is now OPEN for INSPECTION at the Council Chambers, Alexandra.

All Objections thereto must be left at the Court-house, Alexandra, on or before the 15th day of February next, addressed to the Judge of the Assessment Court, and a copy of every such objection must be left with the Town Clerk not less than seven days before the next sitting of the said Court.

W. F. FORREST,
Town Clerk.

MILLS DICK AND CO.'S
ALMANAC, 1880,

With which is incorporated
WISE'S SHILLING ALMANAC.

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NEW ZEALAND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL ... £100,000,
In shares of £1 each

The undersigned is authorised to receive early APPLICATIONS for SHARES.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH.

T E N D E R S.

TENDERS are invited for the REMOVAL of a HOUSE from Bannockburn to Bendigo. To be dealt with on SATURDAY next.

For particulars, apply to

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,

Cromwell;

Or, WILLIAM DICKIE,

Bannockburn.

EDUCATION MEETINGS.

The Annual Statutory MEETING of HOUSEHOLDERS in the several School Districts within the Education District of Otago will be held in the SCHOOL-HOUSE, or building used as a School-house, of each District upon MONDAY, the 26th January, at half-past 7 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of Electing Seven Householders, to form the School Committees for the current year.

P. G. PRYDE,
Secretary Education Board.

N O T I C E.

Preparatory to retiring from business in a few months, the undersigned begs to thank the public for their liberal support during the last 17 years, and requests that all Accounts now being rendered be paid on or before Christmas, in order to close the books for the year.

In the meantime, goods will be sold very cheap for cash, in order to ensure a speedy clearance.

HENRY NORMAN.

Albert Town, Nov. 14, 1879.

O R D E R O F J U D G E.

In the Supreme Court of New Zealand, Wellington District, Friday, this ninth day of January, 1880.

Upon reading the Affidavits of Jonas Woodward, of Wellington, Public Trustee, and of Charles Colelough, Auctioneer, I do order that the Public Trustee shall be Administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of Stadius S. Greaver (or Graver), deceased, and that this order be published in THE CROMWELL ARGUS newspaper.

(Signed) JAMES PRENDERGAST,
C.J.

T H E E S T A T E O F S T A D I U S S. G R E A V E R (D E C E A S E D).

All Persons indebted to the above-named deceased are requested to PAY the amounts of their several ACCOUNTS to me or to Alex. Bathgate, Esq., Dunedin.

Also, all Persons having CLAIMS against the said Estate are requested to Forward the same to me or to Mr Bathgate on or before WEDNESDAY, the fourth day of February next.

N.B.—Any claim not sent in by the day named will be liable to be excluded from participation.

J. WOODWARD,
Public Trustee.

Public Trust Office,
Wellington, January 9, 1880.

D U N E D I N C U P.

To be run on 26th February, 1880.

C O N S U L T A T I O N F E E, £1.

First £1000
Second	500
Third	300
Other starters (divided)	1000
Non-starters (divided)	2000
	Total	£5000

The £1000 for other starters will average about £143 for each horse.

The £2000 for non-starters will average about £73 for each horse.

Applications should arrive before Monday 23rd February, or they may be late.

Send Post Office orders or registered letters. Cheques should be crossed and have £s exchange added.

Two postage stamps necessary.

ALFRED A. CAMERON,
Box 251, or Prince of Wales Hotel,
Dunedin.

CROMWELL JOCKEY CLUB.

A MEETING of the COMMITTEE is appointed to be held at the White Hart Hotel on MONDAY, the 26th day of January inst., at half-past eight o'clock p.m.

Business: To wind up the affairs of the past year, and make arrangements for the Derby, 1880.

GEO. JENOUR,

Secretary.

Cromwell, January 20, 1880.

V. COLCLOUGH R.

I N B A N K R U P T C Y.

In the matter of the Debtors and Creditors Act, 1876, and of the Debtors and Creditors Amendment Act, 1878; and in the matter of the bankruptcy of JAMES CROMBIE, of Nevis, in Vincent County, Publican, a Debtor.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application will be made to the District Court held at Cromwell on Friday, the sixth day of February, 1880, for an Order under section 182 of the first-named Act discharging the above-named James Crombie from all debts, claims, and demands provable under this Bankruptcy.

F. J. WILSON,

Solicitor for the Debtor.

T O W N O F C R O M W E L L.

S A L E B Y A U C T I O N.

TUESDAY, 27TH JANUARY, 1880.

At 1 p.m., sharp.

At the Town Hall, Cromwell.

F R O N T A G E S T O M E L M O R E S T R E E T,
C R O M W E L L.

The Corporation will offer FOR SALE by auction, on Tuesday, 27th January, at 1 p.m., sharp, at the Town Hall, 45 SECTIONS on the south side of Melmore-terrace, divided into suitable frontages.

The purchasers will obtain the right of possession in 30 days after sale, to allow removal of buildings in the interval.

No valuation for buildings will be allowed.

T E R M S A T S A L E.

CHAS. COLCLOUGH,

Mayor.

Borough Chambers,
January 6th, 1880.

SATURDAY, 24TH JANUARY, 1880,

At Noon.

TO CONTRACTORS, COUNTY COUNCILS,
ROAD BOARDS, &c.

J. C. A. R. B. U. C. K. L. E. is favored with instructions from Mr John Crawford, Contractor, to sell by auction on the above date, on the premises (above the Presbyterian Manse, Lawrence),

Sections 134 and 135, Block II., Tuapeka District, containing 6 acres, 2 rods, 25 poles (all substantially fenced), upon which is erected a comfortable five-roomed weather-board Cottage, with Outhouses, Stables, &c.

(The Garden is planted with fruit and forest trees, and from its sheltered position would make a first-class orchard and market garden).

Also,

Household Furniture, comprising
Sofas, Bedsteads, Washstands, Pictures,
Crockery, Cooking Utensils, &c., &c.

Immediately after the sale of the above, the Auctioneer will sell the whole of Mr Crawford's Contractor's Plant (a large portion of which is nearly new), consisting of

Dobbins, Handcarts, Wheelbarrows, Picks,
Shovels, Jumpers, Drills, Bars Steel,
Two Blacksmith's Forges, Farm Dray,
Five Cows, One Hack (with Saddle and
Bridle), Horse Collars, Hames, and
four sets Leading Chains, and a lot of
Contractor's Tools and Material, too
numerous to particularize.

As Mr Crawford is leaving the district, the above Plant will be sold without reserve.

Intending purchasers can inspect the Plant and Property, at any time prior to the sale.

Further particulars on application to

Mr JOHN CRAWFORD,

On the premises;

Or

THE AUCTIONEER.

WANTED, immediately, a SHEPHERD accustomed to high country. Six or twelve months' engagement. Apply,

J. DOVE,

Hawea Station.

E. M'CAFFREY,
PRACTICAL STONEWORKER AND
MONUMENTAL SCULPTOR
QUEENSTOWN.

Monuments, Headstones, Memorial Crosses and Tablets cut to any design. Stone for Building and Coping supplied according to agreement. Pillars, suitable for any kind of large building, from 1ft to 20ft lengths, any thickness. *The above can be highly polished.*

E. M'CAFFREY would beg to call particular attention to the stone, as the most eminent geologists at the Sydney Exhibition have pronounced the same to be imperishable, having a fine grain and capable of sustaining the finest ornamental work, which cannot be excelled in any part of the world. It is of a bright yellow color, which shows its brilliant nature. Before building send for a sample of his stone, which will be forwarded per return of post.

Address:
E. M'CAFFREY,
QUEENSTOWN.

P O S T A L N O T I C E.

The next 'Frisco mail will close here at noon on Wednesday, 28th inst.

The next Stetzel mail will close here on Wednesday, February 11th, at noon.

W. T. WARD, Postmaster.

Cromwell Argus,
AND NORTHERN GOLD-FIELDS CAZETTE.

CROMWELL: TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1880.

T E L E G R A P H I C N E W S.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

DUNEDIN, January 20, 10.5 a.m. In the Supreme Court to-day a special jury is trying the validity of the will of the late David Calder of Caversham, which is disputed by several of his family on the ground of undue influence by his youngest daughter. His property, valued at over £10,000, was left to the four youngest children, all of the others being excluded.

At the Supreme Court yesterday the certificate of Allan Henderson, of Tuakitoi, farmer, was suspended for six months.

A purse of 230 sovereigns has been presented to Fish.

300 men have been discharged from the Mullocky Gully railway works, owing to reduction in pay.

The fire brigades are holding a conference here. Fourteen brigades are represented.

Subscriptions to the Irish Famine Fund are coming in liberally from all parts of the colony. The constabulary at Wellington subscribed £40. Bishop Redwood ordered the clergy of his diocese to make a special collection. At Melbourne £3,000 was collected in a few days, the hon. W. J. Clarke heading the list with £500. At Sydney the subscriptions reach £2,500, Archbishop Vaughan and several others subscribing £100. It is expected New Zealand will contribute over £5,000.

The Minister of Works visits the South next week, and then proceeds to the West Coast.

Vesey Stewart has purchased another 1700 acres from Government for another special settlement.

170 men have been paid off railway works in Canterbury.

Several fatal accidents are reported from the North. At Waiuna Creek, two girls were drowned whilst bathing. At Winslow, Canterbury, a girl, during its mother's absence, gave her infant sister a dose of chlorodyne, killing her.

Tawhia advises Kingites to keep aloof from Te Whiti if they want to preserve the little land they have left.

There is considerable dissatisfaction at the Wanganui Handicaps.

LATEST BY CABLE.

LONDON, January 17.

Tenders for the Wellington Waterworks Loan, £130,000, were opened to-day. Subscriptions were received for £500,000. Tenders at 103.16 will be received in full; at 103.15 will be accepted to the extent of 65 per cent.

The British defeated the Afghans at Darew.

The *Times* declares the Berry Embassy wholly inexcusable. The *Pall Mall Gazette* contends that Berry signally failed to carry out a liberal programme, disappointed his friends and disgusted nearly all his supporters.

The policy of Freycinet, the new French Premier, is described as colorless.

The Russians, defeated by Turcomans at a village on the River Atreck, were driven to take refuge in their Caspian ships, and abandoned their war material. The Russians were also compelled to abandon Tivicktsh, whence their expedition started.

A serious railway collision has occurred in Lancashire, whereby seven were killed and 30 seriously wounded.

BOMBAY, January 16.

It is officially announced from Cabul that the appointment of General Roberts as Military Governor of the City has been withdrawn, in order to give confidence to the inhabitants that England desires a peaceable settlement of the affairs of the country. Meanwhile Wali Mahomed is appointed Administrator of the City.

CAIRO.

The Controllers have made their report on the finances of the Khedive, who accepted their recommendations. The Controllers are arranging the organisation of departments.

ST. PETERSBURG.

The Russian Government, replying to representations from Germany, officially denied the truth of a reported affray between Russian and German Officers at Kalish; also denied the statement regarding the massing of Russian troops on the German frontier.

PARIS.

The new French Ministry has announced its programme. The measures to be introduced comprise laws for the control of the Press, and a new Education Act in place of Ferry's. Changes are also proposed in the Customs laws.

The annual meetings of householders in the various school districts will take place on Monday evening next, at seven o'clock, for the purpose of electing committees for the ensuing 12 months.

A meeting of the Committee of the Cromwell Jockey Club is convened for Monday evening next, at Heron's hotel. As business of importance will be brought forward, a full attendance is desirable.

The rising generation will no doubt keep in mind that their annual picnic takes place on Friday first, the hour of gathering being two o'clock and the place the Athenaeum Hall. Thence they will proceed to the vicinity of Mr Goodger's brewery, where the picnic and sports incidental thereto will be held.

The trial of the Christchurch rioters was concluded on Tuesday last, when Murphy was acquitted and the others found guilty. The Judge in sentencing the prisoners, drew a distinction, and gave Hanley, Cuddihy, Avery and Barrett 18 months each, and the other seven a year's imprisonment, all with hard labor.

The ordinary meeting of Vincent County Council will be held at Clyde on Wednesday, 28th inst. The County Clerk has courteously forwarded us a copy of the Order Paper, the business on which is as follows:—Cr Fraser to move: That the sum of £27 15s be paid to Mr A. M'Phail, for constructing approaches to Lindis bridge, subject to the approval of the Engineer. Cr Fraser to move: That the sum of £15 be voted for repairing road from Upper Albert Town ferry to the Hawea bridge. Schedule of votes required by the Engineer for the months of February and March: Preliminary expenses, £100; track east side Lake Hawea (dray road), £34; Albert Town to head of Lake Wanaka, £50.

On Saturday afternoon a running match

was decided in Melmore-street between R. Howie and — Miller, the stakes being £10 a-side. The contest arose out of a challenge issued during the Christmas sports, and the arrangement was that the winner of two out of three events was to take the money. The distances were 100, 150 and 200 yards, and a good deal of speculation was evinced as to which would prove the better man. Close on 100 persons were present. Between four and five o'clock the men toed the scratch for the 100 yards. From the start both men ran strongly, but Miller came away towards the finish and won as he liked. After a lapse of 15 minutes the 150 yards spurt came off, but it proved a very hollow affair, Miller having the race in hand all along, Howie giving up before the goal was reached.

It will be remembered that some three years since a miner named M'Keown was reported to have been lost on his journey from Cromwell to Nevis, of which latter place he was a well-known resident. Active search was instituted at the time, but without finding any trace of the missing man. From information received through a party of Chinese, Constable Bridgeman yesterday proceeded to the Carrick Range, and near the head of the Bannockburn Creek found the skeleton of a human being. From the remains of clothing about the remains and a few scraps of paper in the pockets—one addressed to the man M'Keown—there can be little doubt as to the identity of the remains. They were found under a high precipice, and from the position it is supposed that the unfortunate man—who at the time was in a weakly state, having only a short time previously left the Cromwell Hospital—had sought shelter from a storm, and fell a victim to exposure. An inquest will be held on Friday.

One of the principal matters of business for the Fire Brigades' Convention now sitting in Dunedin, is the drafting of a bill for presentation before the next session of Parliament, providing for the levying of a fire brigade maintenance rate by municipal corporations, and also for a system of contributions *pro rata* by fire insurance companies towards the support of brigades.

A fearful accident occurred at the Kaiwarra (Wellington) rifle range on Saturday afternoon. A man named Francis Donald, who was marking at the butts, put up the danger flag and ran out from the marker's shed just as a shot was fired, which struck him, killing him instantaneously. No blame is attributable to any of the Volunteers. Donald is a married man, and leaves a family of young children.

A cable message from Sydney, dated 16th inst., says the Executive have finally decided to inflict the extreme penalty of the law on the Wahtabagery bushrangers, Rogan and Scott, otherwise "Captain Moonlight." In this connection the following may be of interest: Judge Windeyer mentioned to a friend of mine (says "Aigles," in the *Australasian*) in Sydney as a singular circumstance that the rifle which Captain Moonlight, the condemned bushranger, used in his late raid was one which His Honor had himself won in a rifle match 15 years ago! Judge Windeyer was the man who sentenced Moonlight to death.

The local police have been instituting enquiries throughout the country for a man named Hugh Bell, who has been missing from this district since 24th December last. On that day Bell—who was a very old resident at Bannockburn, and was well known throughout the whole district—left the Tarras, where he and his brother had lately commenced farming, and has not since been heard of. The Linds river, which flows adjacent to the farm, was high at the time, and on the 23rd Bell had intimated his intention of crossing to get his horse, but the flooded state of the stream deterred him. It is just possible, however, that he attempted to get over the following day, and was drowned. This seems the most feasible solution of the mystery at present surrounding his disappearance.

We understand that a committee-meeting of the Vincent County Council was held yesterday week at Clyde, the chief business of which was to consider the financial proposals for the ensuing year. It was shown that for the nine months ended 31st December last the receipts from all sources amounted to £12,246, while it was estimated—on the basis of corresponding quarter last year—that the three months from 1st January to 31st March, 1880, would yield £4,100. To this add proportion of land revenue due (£5,580.) and the total receipts for the year will be brought up to £21,926. The balance in bank, after paying outstanding cheques, was reported as £700, so that the whole moneys available for expenditure amounted to £22,626. In the prosecution of works during the forthcoming financial year, it was proposed to expend £16,383, while salaries figured for £1,500. This would leave a balance of about £5,000, which it was deemed desirable to put aside toward payment of contracts now in course of operation, but upon which heavy calls would not be made before 1881.

The entertainment on Friday evening to raise funds for a children's picnic to take place this week, was well attended, considering the brief notice—the audience being chiefly town residents. The programme—which comprised a vocal and instrumental concert and a couple of lively negro farces, was gone through with spirit, and it was close on to midnight before it was brought to a close. The Misses Tippett and Grogan, being the only lady vocalists on this occasion, had heavy parts to sustain in the concert, but acquitted themselves most creditably. Miss Murrell presided at the pianoforte during the evening and rendered valuable assistance. Of the gentlemen who gave their aid, it is sufficient to say that, generally, their efforts met with hearty approbation from the audience. A cornet solo by Mr Richard Whetter was much appreciated, and a second appearance had to be made to satisfy his hearers. The negro performances were spirited, and provoked the risible faculties to a degree, sending the audience home in the best of humors. Three or four hours dancing was afterwards enjoyed by a large company.

Saturday's *Mount Ida Chronicle* records a fatal accident to a well-known miner in that district named Alexander Forbes, which happened on Thursday last. Forbes was the half owner of a claim in Speck Gully, his mate being Robert Brown, another well-known miner. It has been the custom for one of them to leave work an hour before the other, in order to go some distance and turn off the water. On Thursday Brown left to do this; and as he was leaving the claim he warned Forbes to keep his eye on the face, as it was evident that a fall of earth would take place before long. He then turned off the water, and went to his hut for the night, believing, of course, that Forbes was also at home by that time. Forbes lived some little distance away. In the morning on returning to the claim he waited a while for his mate, but as he did not appear he went into the claim, and, on looking about for his pick, he suddenly noticed Forbes lying on his face, with all of his body, excepting his head and shoulders, covered up by a fall of earth. Of course he was quite dead. Being unable to extricate the deceased, he procured assistance, when the body was taken out, and removed to Pinder's hotel to await an inquest on Saturday.

The serious depression which has so long existed in every industry throughout this district has not been lost sight of by W. Talboys, who happily has been in a position to mitigate the evil to some extent by selling his Drapery and other Stock at prices lower than ever. By judicious cash purchases while the market was favorable, the proprietor of London House secured large stocks of splendid goods for spring and summer wear, and which he is enabled to dispose of at prices never before known in Cromwell. Every article of his kind is good and substantial, and will be found full value. Call and inspect before purchasing.—W. Talboys' London House, Cromwell. [Advt.]

Messrs Clark, Green, and Bastings have been re-appointed members of the Waste Lands Board.

There are 7050 scholars on the rolls of the Presbyterian Sabbath Schools in Otago, comprising 3362 boys, and 3688 girls.

The Presbyterian Synod has resolved to erect and endow in the University of Otago a Chair of English Language and Literature, Political Economy, and Constitutional History.

The Dunedin *Star* hears that Mr Thomas Logan, the well-known reefer, has been on a visit to the Macetown reefs, and that after inspecting the Tipperary claim he was so well satisfied with its prospects that he bought into it largely at £25 per share.

Four prisoners who were awaiting trial recently made good their escape from the Narrabri (N.S.W.) gaol a few days before the sessions were to take place. The Government offered £25 reward each for their capture, and one of the number surrendered to his wife, who handed him over to the authorities and received the reward.

At last week's meeting of the Land Board the following motion, brought forward by Mr Bastings, was carried:—"That all deferred payment land having been opened for three years and not taken up, and any cancelled licenses that have been re-opened and not applied for, the necessary steps be taken to have the same proclaimed open for sale by auction at 20s per acre."—The object of this motion is to give an opportunity to present settlers of acquiring land contiguous to their holdings at a moderate rate, the land, perhaps, being poor and of value only to the holders of property adjoining.

The *Gazette* of 8th inst. states that the sum of £800 having been voted by the General Assembly for prizes, the amount has been divided *pro rata* amongst the Volunteer corps, according to the nominal strength on the 30th November, 1879. The total sum set down for the Lakes district is £24 11s, allocated as follows:—Adults, £15 5s; ordnance, £4 9s; cadets, £4 17s. The above amount is to be apportioned by the Officer Commanding the District, assisted by a committee of senior officers of the Volunteer force, the prizes to be competed for under the general rules published last year, and the competition must be concluded before the 31st March in the present year, as soon as possible after which date full particulars regarding it have to be sent in to the Under Secretary for Defence.

A case of some importance to hotel-keepers and livery-stable proprietors was decided by Major Tohill, R.M., at the Court held in Alexandra on 12th inst. The plaintiff was Mr Tohill, proprietor of the Criterion hotel, Alexandra, and the defendant Mr Byrne, travelling agent for Guthrie and Larnach. The former was represented by Mr Wilson, and the latter by Mr Blood. The facts of the case shortly stated were as follows:—Byrne hired a horse from Tohill for the purpose of riding from Alexandra to Blacks, and having some suspicions as to the beast's quietness, he obtained from Tohill assurance that though the horse might behave skittishly at first he would settle down to a walk and go steadily afterwards. This guarantee did not appear to have been fulfilled, for the animal not only played up to begin with, but continued his tricks until Mr Byrne and he found it necessary to part company abruptly. The horse then took to the hills, and though Mr Byrne obtained competent assistance and did his best to recover him, the chase eventually proved fruitless. Mr Tohill's action was consequently brought to recover £12 5s for labor employed in finding the horse, injuries to the saddle and bridle from his rolling, and the hire originally agreed on. This last item had been tendered since the occurrence, but refused by Tohill. His Worship held, following the principles laid down in "Addison on Torts" and "Jones on Bailments," referred to by both professional gentlemen, that a bailee for hire was only bound to take the care that a prudent man would be expected to take. That Mr Byrne had done all this, and that judgment must be for the defendant with costs.

The advertisement of Mr E. M'Caffrey, Queenstown, published in our columns, is one to which we desire to draw very special attention, as it deals chiefly with an industry that deserves the fullest support at the hands of up-country residents who may desire to perpetuate in an enduring form the memory of departed relations or friends. The splendid stone quarried on the shores of Lake Wakatipu has acquired a colonial reputation for its fine grain, beautiful color, and enduring qualities, these being recognised by high authorities as features peculiar to the stone found a few miles up the Lake from Queenstown. Under the skilful hands of Mr M'Caffrey the wonderful capabilities of the stone are brought out in a surprising degree. The cemetery at Queenstown contains some really splendid monuments turned out of Mr M'Caffrey's yard, for elegance of design and beauty of finish not to be excelled, if indeed equalled, in the colony. During a recent visit to the "city of the Lakes," we examined closely number of memorials by Mr M'Caffrey, from the simple butchaste tablet to the imposing and elaborate monument, and were really surprised that such work and material were purely local. A visit to Mr M'Caffrey's yard showed the stone in various stages of progression, from the rude hewn block to the polished tablet being inscribed; and this leads us to say that the inscriptions on the stones erected by Mr M'Caffrey contrasted strongly with those of a number of other makers—the local work was, after some years of exposure, fresh and clear as if newly erected, while in the others the lettering was all but obliterated. No degree of damp seems to affect the stone, and the high polish it is capable of sustaining does not appear to lose lustre by any amount of exposure. In establishing a business up-country as monumental sculptor Mr M'Caffrey has had to overcome many difficulties which would not have beset him had he started in a large centre of population. His spirited effort to obviate the necessity for long distance carriage of such work as that under notice well deserves the success that is now assured, and which must rapidly increase as the beauty and durability of his workmanship becomes more widely known.

A good hint to our Borough Councilors comes from Balclutha; their *confreres* in that township have placed a reward of 2s per head upon all unregistered dogs within the borough.

While a young girl named Bond, aged 13 years, was bathing near Lake Macquarie (New South Wales) she was dragged under by a shark. A younger sister rescued her, but one of the child's legs was found to be much injured.

"Mazeppa," the sporting writer for the *Saturday Advertiser*, has the following in his notes last week:—Mr Taylor's gelding Haricot is said to have run the two miles in the Lake of C. Handicap, with 8st 2lb up, in 3min 38sec. If this is a fact, Mr Taylor has lost the Dunedin Cup through his oversight in not entering the gallant grey for that event. Calamia had the same weight when he won the Melbourne Cup in 3min 35sec; and allowing the Flemington course to be 2sec faster than the Wakatipu course—a reasonable allowance in all conscience—Haricot is as good an animal as Calamia. Joking apart, this time test, if all the figures be true, leads one to unexpected conclusions.

The sixth half-yearly meeting of the Cromwell Quartz-mining Company was held in Dunedin on Wednesday last. Fifteen shareholders were present. We make the following extracts from the report, which was adopted:—"In presenting the statement of accounts and balance-sheet of the Company for the half-year ended the 31st December last, the Directors have much satisfaction in congratulating the shareholders on the successful operations of the Company for the period. During the half-year the battery has reduced 4,073 tons of stone, yielding 4,098ozs 12dwt 6grs of gold, which had enabled £8,000 to be paid in dividends, as against £6,400 the previous half-year. The reserve fund now stands at £800, and during the current half-year it is proposed to increase it from time to time, with a view to meet any contingencies which may arise. An accident, fortunately not attended with loss of life, occurred to one of the miners a few months ago, and this suggested to the Managers at the Mine and Mill the desirability of forming an accident fund in connection with the Company. This is now initiated, and a sum of 6d per week is deducted from each man's wages. Your Directors would ask the shareholders to vote a sum to assist this very laudable and provident effort on the part of the company's employees. As will be seen from the reports of the mining and mill managers herewith appended, work at the mine is progressing satisfactorily, and the prospects of continuous crushing fairly assured."—A sum of £50 was voted as a donation towards the Accident Fund. Mr T. Baird was elected a director of the Company.

The Dunedin papers speak in high terms of Chiarin's circus, now performing in the city with great success. The "leading line" is certainly sensational in a high degree. It consisted of an Indian juggling performance, kept up on a bare-backed horse, going at a hand gallop, the juggler being Miss Rosa Lee. What she did would have been clever enough done on *terra firma*; on horseback the tricks were marvellous. Two, three, and four balls were kept going in the air from hand to hand with the greatest ease; three knives were tossed about in the same way; plates were spun, and even lighted torches were kept following each other from hand to hand with bewildering rapidity and perfect precision. How it was done was a mystery, but the performer appeared to think little of it, and she did the whole affair as if entirely unconscious that a galloping horse was beneath her, over which she had no control as far as bridle or saddle was concerned. One of her cleverest feats was keeping four separate plates spinning and two balls going in the air at one and the same time. It certainly was the best performance on horseback ever seen in Dunedin.

A staff officer who was present at the battle of Ulundi tells of a curious circumstance, which accounts not only for the small loss of the British troops, who were there drawn up in square, but also to some extent for the far greater loss of the Zulus. It appears that the Zulus were armed with the Martini-Henrys taken at Isandula. These weapons they had tried, and, having observed that the bullet went farther when they aimed with the sight up, they came to the conclusion that the sight was a contrivance which, when raised, made the weapon shoot harder. Accordingly, on the day of Ulundi they one and all put up the sights of their Martini-Henrys to the extreme range of 1000 yards, and fixed them in that position with wax. The result was that most of their bullets went clean over the square, and many of them are believed to have reached their own men who were coming down to attack the other side of it.

Holloway's Pills.—Indigestion and Liver Complaint.—The digestion cannot be long or seriously deranged without the derangement being perceptible on the countenance. These Pills prevent both unpleasant consequences; they improve the appetite and with the increase of desire for food, they augment the powers of digestion and assimilation in the stomach. Holloway's Pills deal most satisfactorily with deranged or diseased conditions of the many organs engaged in extracting nourishment for our bodies from our various diets—as the liver, stomach, and bowels, over all of which they exercise the most salutary control. By resorting at an early stage of this malady to these purifying and laxative Pills, the dyspeptic is speedily restored to health and strength, and his sallowness gradually vanishes.

Nothing is so fatal to the romance of a kiss as to have your girl sneeze at the climax of osculation.

A man might be induced to give up every other right, but the right to find fault he will never yield except with his life.

When he is twenty-one the boy is supposed to have outgrown the switch, but that is just the age when a girl begins to ride on.

Original Correspondence.

[We do not identify ourselves with the opinions expressed by correspondents.]

THE MAYOR REPLIES TO MR PYKE.

To the Editor of THE CROMWELL ARGUS.

SIR,—And so Mr Pyke has taken upon himself the task of enlightening the inhabitants of Cromwell on the statutes of New Zealand; what can have impelled that gentleman at almost the twelfth hour to step in and save us? We will endeavor to discover as we proceed. Mr Pyke says it is noticeable that the Municipal Corporation Act, 1876, does not anywhere give power to a Borough to diminish the width of a street. For a bold, unabashed "incorrectness," command me to Mr Pyke. I will not believe that he has written his letter without having had the Act before him, and I must then believe that he intentionally did not "notice" the emphatic language used in the Act in giving power to diminish the width of a street (without limit). But I will not weary your readers with repeating the sections, as they have been read in and out of the Council, *ad nauseam*.

Mr Pyke insists upon dragging in the Act of 1878, which he well knows had not an existence at the time the Council diminished the width of the street. I am aware that Mr Pyke did well know of the non-existence of the Amendment Act, 1878, at that time, yet he carefully conceals that knowledge, else he would have had nothing to write about, and, to give cogency to his statements, he, as usual, throws in a few Stouts or Attorney-Generals, which ought at least to utterly confound the Cromwell "chawbacons."

Mr Pyke states he "had the proceedings of the Cromwell Corporation in view when he interrogated the Attorney-General." Why did he not interrogate him honestly? Why did he assume that no overt action had been taken? Our Member will persist in doing good by stealth; he would not trouble the inhabitants to let them know the deep interest he was taking in their welfare, behind their backs.

We are favored with Mr Pyke's reading of the two Acts, resulting very much in his satisfaction, and his remarks, being exclusively in the public interest, are "to prevent a dangerous precedent." Can perversity go further? viz., First, we are acting illegally; secondly, our act would form a precedent; all this wisdom is wasted by reading two Acts instead of one Act. No one knows better than Mr Pyke himself that no other town in New Zealand can now reduce a street below 66ft. Where the dangerous precedent comes in I fail to see.

The secret of the whole correspondence lies in the good-natured suggestion of a "writ of mandamus." We have been at peace in Cromwell too long, and Mr Pyke desires a little relish. By way of making the dish spicy, he charges the Councillors with "caprice" and "self-interest." It is nothing to him that they only ratified a resolution adopted seven times in seven years; but we must have a little *vinegar in our oil* if only for retaliation, and I am certain the revival of warm feeling over the question would be a source of satisfaction to our Member. He must inevitably fail; his motives are too transparent, and nothing but his downright "cussedness" drives him into positions, from which he cannot retire with credit.—I am, &c.,

CHAS. COOLCOUGH.

Cromwell, January 13th, 1880.

A LETTER FROM AFGHAN.

We have been privileged to make public the subjoined extracts from a letter received from his brother—a General in the army now occupying Afghanistan—by a resident at Bendigo. The letter is written from Candahar, and is dated Nov. 3rd, 1879. It gives a clever insight into the internal affairs of Afghanistan that can be learned from the news by cable published from time to time. For obvious reasons, and by request, we refrain from giving the name of the titled and gallant writer, but his position is such as to give his opinions great weight:—

The massacre of the Kabul Embassy has changed the face of affairs in this country. The whole of my force had moved across the frontier and I was on the point of leaving Candahar with my rear brigade when I got orders to stand fast. It was fortunate in many ways, because if we had left this place we should not have got back without a fight. The fate of the country has not been quite settled, but I have been authorised to inform the people that the British Government will never let them pass under the Barakzay yoke again. At present I am ruler of the Provinces of Candahar, Kelul-i-Ghilzir, Ghurkistan and Farnah—a country bigger than England. The civil government is carried on through a member of the late Royal Family, but he is obliged to appeal to me in all matters civil and criminal. We did not wish to annex the country, but circumstances have placed it in our hands, and it was a case of keeping it or letting chaos enter. The Ameer, who never had any real power we find, has abdicated, and as there is absolutely no one who has power to maintain himself unsupported, we have thought it best to convert Afghanistan into a protected State. It will be governed by its own chiefs, but under our supervision, and its foreign affairs will be governed by us.

I am very sorry to see the country lose its independence, as it cannot pay the cost of occupation; but, as I said before, if we had thrown the people over, they would at once have passed into the clutches of Russia, and for this we were not prepared.

The country is a miserably poor one, and the people are a nation of cut-throats. I cannot say that I am very proud of my charge. It is a very onerous one, and I am not sure that I can do any good to the people, except that I can force them to keep the peace. In time they may settle down to agriculture, trade, and commerce, but when all is done that can be done we cannot expect to improve the country very much, as Nature has not been bountiful to it. The country being devoid of trees and water, the area of cultivation cannot be largely extended. However, we have now got the country on our hands, and we must make the best of it.

ARRROWTOWN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

January 17.

The reefs at Macetown are looking up in so far as business in scrip is concerned. The splendid returns from the Tipperary could not fail to raise some excitement, and when the report reached town the other day that the Gladstone had struck it heavy, our "corner" men had a lively time of it. Quite an excitement, which spread beyond the sanguine, though hectic, speculator, and infected more than one worthy money-grubber, prevailed. In the early part of the week 30 Tipperary scrip were disposed of by Mr L. Resta to Mr Thos. Logan for £25 apiece, and on the same day £25 10s. were refused. Bidders growing keener by advancing offers, which were refused, soon rose the value of stock in this mine to £30, at which figure several parcels changed hands. This scrip is now quoted at an advance on the last-mentioned sum.

Gladstone shares too have passed through a somewhat similar evolution, though on a more limited scale, and without reaching anything like such an advanced stage of development. Some splendid stone has lately been struck, and is now being raised in quantities, with the above-quoted result.

A number of Dunedin gentlemen interested are at present on a visit of inspection to the reefs and their legal management, making, no doubt, discoveries for which they were little prepared, and which discoveries have, in one case, at least, led to a change of management already. Affairs at the reefs have far too long been allowed to take care of themselves, the result being that they got into hands quite as unscrupulous as incompetent, leading to an amount of maladministration, which none but really valuable mines could bear up against. A better system of control which would give shareholders at a distance reliable information concerning the business done at their mines could easily be devised, and would place reefing matters on a much sounder basis than has been the case heretofore.

The Victor Emmanuel Company is calling for tenders to extend their present tunnel 50ft further, following the course of the reef. At a meeting of Directors of the Ladye Fayre Company, held last week, it was agreed to resume work at once at the lower-level tunnel, and altogether things are brisker and prospects brighter than they have been for some time past.

The butchery and bakery business carried on for upwards of 14 years by Mr W. Paterson has been transferred to Mr Alex. Paterson, who will carry on the business, and by the infusion of young blood will add to and extend the popularity the old firm has hitherto enjoyed.

A number of mining lease applications for auriferous land at Macetown were either granted or advanced a stage towards that consummation during the sitting of the Warden's Court last Monday. At the same sitting, Mr J. A. Miller called the Warden's attention to the cost incurred by applicants having to pay for the survey of residence areas, in accordance with a late decision of the Court. The Warden, in reply, said that instances were frequently cropping up where residence areas interfered with land sales and roadways, and that it was impossible this could be allowed to go on. The decision was only arrived at after much deliberation, and could not be undone at a moment's notice. If something could be suggested, he (Mr Stratford) would be glad to receive such suggestion. As far as the expense was concerned, Government might be petitioned to make a reduction or even remit the whole amount, but he (Mr Stratford) felt that it was imperative that residence areas must be shown in future on the survey maps of the district.

In several instances crops in this district are showing signs of maturity, and harvesting operations are about to commence.

Opposition in the shipping trade on Lake Wakatipu has led to further reductions in price of freight across the Lake from Queenstown to Kingston. Messrs Robertson and Co. advertise a reduction on ruling prices.

At the Government Parade of Volunteers on Saturday evening last there was a strong muster of Volunteers. The new uniforms and helmets arrived the same day, but too late for distribution. At the next parade, however, the men will come out in their new colors (scarlet), and no doubt they will draw many new members.

Here is a hint for the Otago Goldfields police force. At the Ravenswood (Queensland) Police Court lately, a number of Chinamen crowded in to hear a case in which some of their countrymen were interested. The police waited till they were all in, then closed the doors, and made all produce their miners' rights. The police collected fees from 30 Chinamen who had been evading the law.

OPENING CONCERT OF IDA VALLEY SCHOOL.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

January 17.

The concert, soiree and ball, held on Friday, 16th inst., in the new schoolroom at Ida Valley, under the auspices of the local Good Templar Lodge, in aid of the school funds, turned out a grand success. The building, which is a considerable-sized room, was crowded, all the surrounding districts being well represented, and almost every household in the Valley was there in its entirety, young and old. The new school and master's residence are both handsome and commodious structures, situated as they are almost in the centre of the settled portion of the Valley they ought to be a boon to a considerable majority of the residents. For a few hours previous to the time for commencing the concert, sports were arranged for the youngsters, which were gamely contested, and witnessed with interest and pleasure by the older members of the community. When darkness settled in the room got filled up, and the Rev. Mr Lothian was called to the chair, and in a brief address drew attention to the excellent establishment they had got erected for the purpose of education, and hoped the residents would appreciate it as they ought, and send their children regularly to school, which was the only way they could expect progress. The great desiderata in a country were, first the people, then facilities for settlement and education, and if true prosperity is to be gained, social, moral, and religious observances must be attended to. Before proceeding with the programme, he was sorry to have to apologise for the unavoidable absence of several names which appeared there, but these might be in some measure filled up by volunteers. He had no doubt that those who were here to perform their parts would ably do so, and he could predict for all an enjoyable evening.

I need not give details of the singing and other performances, it is sufficient to say that it was highly appreciated. At its conclusion a hearty vote of thanks to all the performers was cheerfully responded to. After the concert the edibles came on for discussion, and a lavish supply of sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, fruit, tea, ginger-beer, &c., were dispersed around a highly appreciative audience, for whom, though more numerous than expected, there was plenty for all. After the feasting came the dancing, but the gallery in the one end of the building for placing the desks on sadly interfered with the operations, as it left the room only available for eight couple at once. This created a rush at the beginning of each dance, and the M.C. had often to perform the disagreeable task of making eager performers take their seats. On one occasion he placed 16 couple on the floor, and to the uninitiated it looked a jumbled up sort of a business, but they appeared to enjoy it. Daylight found them still going on with unflagging zeal, but the calls of duty on some led to preparing for departure, and by four the assembly had dispersed. The majority of the dancers thinking that they had not enough, but the greater portion who felt inclined had done a little, and everyone seemed pleased with the night's enjoyment.

NEW ZEALAND RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The programmes in connection with the second annual prize-meeting of the above—commencing at Brightwater, near Nelson, on March 2—have been published. The first match, open to any member, is to be fired at ranges of 200, 400, and 500 yards; seven rounds at each distance, and for this 24 prizes of the total value of £77 are offered. Match No. 2 (200yds, 10 rounds) is restricted to rifle volunteers, and 15 prizes amounting to £46 are given. Match No. 3 (carbine representatives) is to be fired under the same conditions as the preceding match, the prizes being valued at £40. Match No. 4, rifle representatives, is to be fired at 400, 500, and 600yds, seven rounds; and 20 prizes, worth £60, are offered. Match No. 5 is for carbine representatives, the conditions being seven rounds at 200, 400, and 500yds, and 14 prizes, of the value of £45, given. The sixth match, seven rounds at 200 and 300yds, is open to any member of the Association not being a volunteer, the prizes, five in number, amounting to £26. Match No. 7, 200, 400, 500, and 600yds, seven rounds at each distance, may be regarded as the principal competition of the meeting, 24 prizes amounting in all to £85 being offered. Match No. 8 is likewise the principle contest for carbine men. The conditions are seven rounds at 200, 300, 400, and 500yds; with 14 prizes of the value of £65. The ninth match—300, 400, and 500yds, seven shots—is open to any member, and for it 27 prizes worth £70, are given. The next match is at 200 and 300yds, seven shots—open to any member other than a volunteer—and for it the amount of £19 will be divided amongst the highest scorers. Match No. 11 is to be fired for by volunteers at ranges 200 and 500yds, 10 rounds at each, with 17 prizes worth £66; Match No. 12, by carbine representatives at 300 and 400yds, with 12 prizes amounting to £41. The highest aggregate scores in matches No. 2, 4, 7, and 11 will be the volunteer rifle champion for 1880, and besides being the holder of the champion belt for that year receives a gold medal and £20; the second highest gets a silver medal and £10; and the third highest a silver medal and £5. The highest aggregate scorer in matches No. 3, 5, 8, and 12 will be the volunteer carbine champion, and

in addition to holding the Carbine Champion Belt will be the recipient of a gold medal and £10; the next highest getting a silver medal and £5. Match No. 13 will be between the 10 highest rifle representatives in the Belt matches from each island; No. 14, between the carbine representatives. In each instance a challenge cup and two £5 money prizes are offered. The next two matches are known respectively as Rifle Companies' Challenge Contests, and are to be fired for by five efficient members of any volunteer corps; then follow two long-distance matches, open to any members; and a Consolation match. The meeting will be brought to a close with a cavalry tournament of four contests, for which the large sum of £116 is offered. This is an innovation on previous years, and should form an interesting feature of the meeting. Intending competitors in Otago should at once enter with Mr P. Paxton, local hon. secretary, at the Militia Office, Dunedin.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN NEWS.

[BY CABLE.]

(FROM DUNEDIN DAILIES.)

LONDON, January 12.

The total quantity of wheat afloat for Great Britain is 2,020,000 quarters. enormous quantities of grain are lying at Chicago, and the railways are blocked. The stock is estimated at 16,000,000 bushels.

January 13.

A fortnight has been granted to arrange for the trial of the questions which have been raised in connection with the Tichborne case.

The Empress Eugenie will embark in the Union Company's s.s. German on March 26th for Zululand.

The Bagot trial commences on the Easter term.

News from Afghanistan states that General Roberts has routed the Afghans at Ghuznee with heavy loss.

The French Chamber of Commerce is urged by the Government to secure efficient representations of France at the Melbourne Exhibition.

January 14.

It is officially known that Prince Bismarck would not tolerate a Franco-Russian alliance.

There is an increasing indication that the general election will be about Easter.

Russia and France are menacing Germany, who is increasing her artillery.

An agreement has been come to by England, Germany, and America to recognise and support Malietoa as King of Samoa. Germany has appointed a consul there.

The latest news from Afghanistan states that the tribes have assumed a menacing attitude. General Roberts telegraphs that a large force is required to maintain the British supremacy.

An offensive alliance is believed to exist between Russia and France against Germany. Germany is largely increasing her artillery. Krupp has been directed to use despatch in manufacturing them.

The marriage of Garibaldi with the Marchesa Haemondi has been annulled under the Austrian code.

January 15.

The trial of those who have been arrested in connection with the disturbances in Ireland will commence on Friday next.

A quarrel occurred between Russian and German officers at a regimental dinner. The Russians drew their swords. The Russian commander averted bloodshed. The officers were escorted to the German frontier by a troop of Hussars.

The *Globe* is of opinion that the increase of the French and Russian armies forces Germany to resolve on a similar course.

Heavy floods have occurred at St. Kitts Island, W.I. Two hundred persons were drowned.

The Grand Duke of Schleswig-Holstein is dead.

The Strathleven's cargo of meat reached Suez in excellent condition.

January 16.

The *Cologne Gazette* states that the relations of Germany and Russia are dangerous.

Wool is active. The arrivals amount to 40,000 bales.

The First Lord of the Admiralty stated at a Conservative meeting at Sutton that the Afghan policy was to adhere to the *Gandamuk* treaty, to avoid annexation, and by holding strategical positions, to secure British influence.

BERLIN, January 13.

The Russian Government, replying to representations of the Government of Germany, admit the concentration of Russian troops on the German frontier, but say that no hostility is intended. The step is attributable to the withdrawal of the Russian troops from Bulgaria, and to the pacification of Turkey.

The German Government has decided to appoint a consul-general to reside in Sydney, and consuls will be appointed elsewhere in Australasia.

January 16.

Germany has complained to Russia in consequence of the affray between German and Russian officers.

A political discussion at dinner ending in a wrangle at St. Petersburg, a nobleman nearly killed the editor of a newspaper in a duel.

Nightly riots take place in Pesth, in consequence of the attacks of the populace on the Nobleman's Club. Several have been killed and wounded.

DUNEDIN GOSSIP.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

[Received too late for last issue.]

January 10.

Is it too late to wish yourself and readers all a happy New Year? With us here in the gay and glittering metropolis so far it has indeed been a happy and a jolly time. We hear a great deal about the bad times, but they have certainly not interfered with the manner of spending the holidays. The fun has not been so boisterous as on previous occasions, but it has been the more hearty. The city was very full indeed; beds at hotels were almost unobtainable. The railway accounts for this. People came rushing from up and down to the big city at the travelling rate of twopence and threepence a mile, according as their tastes are in the way of second or first class carriages. And the railway authorities are really liberal at holiday time. They encourage the British public to travel as much as possible. Thus during the holidays you may come to town, stay a week or so, and get home again at single fare. This means a 50 mile journey and back—or a total distance of 100 miles—for, at second class rates, the almost ridiculously cheap fare of 8s 4d. Who wouldn't come to town for the holidays under these circumstances? Why, and oh why, don't you Northern gold-fields inhabitants urge, and urge, and urge your railway on? You can't know what true convenience in travelling is until you get it, and at present, although coach fares may be reasonable, you are terribly handicapped as compared with the dwellers near the sea. If your delightful Vincent can get the railway for you, pat him on the back until he does, whatever you may do with him afterwards. The means may be evil to a degree, but the end is good.

But this is indeed a change from the gay to the grave, if not from the lively to the severe. I was talking about the holidays.

You will have heard how we got a fright about the Timaru and Christchurch Orange and Catholic rows, and half expected something of the kind here. Preparations were made as if a civil war were impending, for besides special peelers unlimited, the Volunteers were under orders, ready to slaughter larrikins and astonish themselves and the natives generally. The result was nil. There was not even an Irish whoop, nor did an Orange ribbon flutter in the breeze. Goodness only knows why anybody ever imagined there would be. The special constables, mostly dour and stalwart citizens, were horribly indignant. They had been sworn in at night before a magistrate in solemn secrecy, and in a courthouse dimly lighted by a tallow candle in a bottle, and they had really begun to imagine, after some serious conversation as to their duties with the cautious Inspector Mallard, that a crisis was approaching. Some of them, I know, looked forward with a great deal of nervousness to the night's work. But as New Year's morning approached, with not the semblance of a call to duty, the thing began to have a comical aspect. A larrikin throwing a flour bag about would have been a godsend—anything to break the monotony and give them an opportunity of using the wonderful batons turned out for the occasion by Guthrie and Larnach's Woodware Factory. But after several hours patient wandering about the streets in search of "duty"—which, by the way, they had been seriously admonished not to exceed—they had to surrender their batons ingloriously, and go to bed disappointed, dispirited, and disgusted. Altogether there was a great deal of fuss over nothing. Anyone who retained his sober senses throughout the excitement almost felt inclined to join in with the larrikin mobs who from time to time indulged in "three cheers for the specials." Even the larrikins, you see, treated the thing as a big joke. So much for New Year's morning 1880 in Dunedin.

The great event of the holidays was of course the Caledonian Gathering. Thousands of people go to see the games. Why they do so is one of those things "no fallah can understand," but they do. On New Year's Day, there were at least 10,000 persons there, and 5,000 of that number, I verily believe, could not have told at night who was the winner of any single event, except perhaps the mile race or the wrestling. It is not the same thing as at country gatherings, where everybody crowds round the "hop-step-and-jump," or whatever the event may be. The people have to keep outside the ring, and really for the greater part all that has gone on inside is a blank to them until they see the newspapers. Indeed, crowds who go don't pretend to take any interest. Speaking to a person who said he had been at the gatherings for years, I asked what he came for. "Oh, he didn't know, except to see his friends." "Have you any idea about what has been done when it is all over?" I asked. "Well, to tell you the truth," he said, "I generally get drunk before that." Perhaps everybody don't follow this example, but at any rate they know precious little more about the whole affair.

Then there was the opera, and it proved a great treat. How such a concern can pay in New Zealand is a wonder. The weekly salary of the orchestra alone—for there were some 14 players—must be equal to the expenses of one of the ordinary theatrical companies. Madame Hersee (Mrs Arthur Howell), the English *prima donna*, got £50 a week as her "screw," and she had to sing about every second night only. Then there were the Coys (husband and wife), Signora Venosta, Miss Lambert, Mr Verdi (regarding whom it was the rumor that he was a plain Yankee

by the name of Green), Mr Beaumont, Mr Templeton, and others whose salaries must have been large; and there was Lyster himself, who, by the Melbourne Company whose venture the opera was, is said to have been paid £1,200 a year as manager. In this way a mint of money must be required to keep the whole concern going. It was worked here at a loss 'twas generally understood, although they had some big houses just previous to leaving, which may have helped to square things a little.

The excitement past, the Mayoral dispute is beginning to blow over. Mr Walter holds the seat, but certainly not as the chosen of the citizens. No action ever taken by any man in Dunedin has been so generally condemned as has his. Had he turned round after unseating Mr Fish over the subcontract at the Town Hall building, and said, "What I have done has been done on principle, for I don't think any councillor should hold such a contract; now I will fight the election over again, and ask to be elected Mayor by your voices," he might have got beaten, but he would have maintained himself in the esteem in which he was held. As it is, however, he has lost footing immensely—indeed he is pretty well "sent to Coventry" over the affair.

SAN FRANCISCO MAIL NEWS.

Six ladies from the Sacred Heart Convent at Chicago go to New Zealand to found a convent of their Order there.

At a meeting of Irish sympathisers, held at Glasgow, a resolution was passed calling for the impeachment of Lord Beaconsfield and the Marquis of Salisbury.

A tenant, evicted by Lord Fermoy, struck him with a cudgel on the steps of the Limerick Club, felling him to the earth, where he lay insensible for some time. His assailant received five years' penal servitude.

Heavy floods on the Isthmus of Panama submerged the railroad almost its entire length, flooding out the natives along the line, and destroying much property.

The assassin who fired at the Viceroy of India in Calcutta was a native of Bengal and had a grievance against the Government. He was recently discharged from the Allahabad Lunatic Asylum.

De Lessers has sailed for Aspinwall. Grant accepts the presidency of the Nicaraguan Canal company when formed. He visits Nicaragua during the West Indian and Central American tour.

A meeting of Irish sympathisers at Chicago voted an address asking the United States Government to assist them in a peaceful revolution against the landlord system.

The Duke of Edinburgh has purchased Norris Castle, in the Isle of Wight.

Subscriptions are being largely gathered in the United States to relieve the Irish distress. The English and Irish Press warmly approve of the Duchess of Marlborough's relief fund.

The weather is severe. Wolves are appearing in many parts of France, Germany, and England (?)

General Grant received a magnificent popular reception at Philadelphia.

Russia is desirous to conciliate Poland, and it is reported that municipal liberties will be allowed to the chief towns in Poland.

A quantity of Russian gold has been found in the Amer's treasury at Cabul. It is reported also that a document compromising him has been found in Russia.

At an Irish anti-rent meeting at Castle Breagh, Martin T. M'Connell presided, and asked the crowd, in the name of God, not to let The O'Conor Don represent them again in Parliament. Great stress was laid on this point by all the speakers. During the chairman's speech, Reilly, a Fenian from Balla, cried out to the crowd: "Shove these reporters away; shut them up!" The response was a yell, followed by a rush. The constables raised their guns, levelling them at the crowd, who fell back in confusion. Mr Parnell tried to quell the disturbance amid yells of "Cursed spies!" "Kill the Saxon bastards!"

One luggage-van was blown to pieces in the attempt to kill the Czar of Russia. Nobody was injured by the explosion, which occurred on the passing of the train half an hour after the Emperor had passed. The house from whence the mine was exploded has been discovered. It was bought recently by a young man professing to be a citizen of Samaria. He had dug a passageway from the cellar, in which the train of powder was laid connecting with a mine under the railway.

The steamship *Eldorado*, with 95 passengers and a crew of 60 Lascars, put into Plymouth for repairs of damages, owing to a storm in the Bay of Biscay. The crew, paralysed with fear, abandoned duty, and the male passengers worked 30 hours baling, which saved the ship.

Irish relief meetings have been held in all the large centres of population in the United States and Canada. San Francisco is organising a powerful committee.

One thousand pikemen surrounded the platform at an anti-rent meeting in County Mayo recently, at which Daly, the agitator, was present. The Catholic clergymen took part in the proceedings, and a priest in the procession.

The Vatican has congratulated the Irish clergy on their attitude with reference to the political agitation in Ireland.

The Government have granted pensions of £500 to the widow and of £100 to the mother Sir Louis Cavagnari.

An Englishman won the seven-days' bicycle race at Chicago, allowing the American a handicap.

The Duchess of Marlborough has written to *The Times* appealing to England for funds towards the relief of the distress in the west of Ireland. *The Times* warmly supports the appeal.

Three men were killed and several wounded by a boiler explosion on board her Majesty's ship *Pelican*.

The funeral of the Dowager Countess de Montijo was celebrated with much splendor at Madrid.

The Imperial Government are forming a reserve of 10,000 men in Canada, composed of Dominion militia, for service there or abroad.

Just as the ship *Padishah* was sailing for Port Chalmers, Langford David Evans, the surgeon, was arrested, charged at the instance of his wife with deserting her, and allowing her to become a charge on the Holywell Union. He was a surgeon with a practice at Mold, became embarrassed, and left his home. A young lady disappeared from the neighborhood about the same time. It was suspected that the two had gone to New Zealand together. The prisoner's effects were sold, and his wife applied to the Union for relief. Afterwards the wife discovered that he was in London, and went with a detective just in time to arrest him. It was ascertained that he had paid £30 for the passage of a certain Mrs Elizabeth Evans. When brought up at the Police Court, he showed that he felt his position. He was sent to gaol for a month, with hard labor.

Two English travellers have been captured by brigands in Epirus. The brigands demand £4000 for their ransom.

A tremendous south-east gale has wrought great destruction of property and some loss of life in San Francisco.

Carlotta Patti has sued the Pittsburgh Dispatch for libel. The paper said the *prima donna* was intoxicated at a concert performance.

A clergyman named the Rev. A. R. Veale has been expelled from the Masonic Order in Texas for attempting to seduce a brother Mason's wife.

The Winter Palace of St. Petersburg is illuminated by the electric light, as a precaution against attack.

Several military have been arrested for complicity in the attempt against the Czar's life at Moscow, when his baggage-train was blown up.

The Rhine is frozen, and people cross the river on the ice at Bingen. The Seine is also frozen.

A motion was made before the Lord Justices of Appeal for the release of the Tichborne Claimant, his seven years having expired in respect of the first sentence. It is claimed that the other sentence of seven years should run concurrently.

John Dunn in Zululand.

John Dunn, trader and hunter, the chief of a numerous tribe of Zulus, and the intimate friend and counsellor of Cetewayo, has, by the current of recent events in South Africa, become a man of mark. For years buried in the remote obscurity of the Zulu hills, little was heard of him, and, as is usually the case when speculation about unknown people is rife, that little was said not to be to his credit. Some believed he lived in Zululand to trade on Kaffir ignorance, and to satisfy polygamist longings; others, that he was either a deserter from a regiment, or an escaped convict, and could not live elsewhere with the same safety. Rumor, however, was wrong. The truth is that, as quite a boy in Natal, he was left to gain his own living by trading with the natives. Having an adventurous spirit, and being endowed with the courage and instincts of a Nimrod, he imagined Zululand would prove a close hunting ground and an untried field for trade. The surmise was correct. The Zulus were only too ready to exchange oxen for guns and cartridges, and the country itself was a wilderness overrun by big game. It was during a trading trip that Dunn was mixed up in a quarrel in which he took part against Cetewayo. The incident, which gave rise to a friendship with Cetewayo which lasted 20 years, and which Mr Dunn says he has "never regretted," is worth recording in his own words:—

"Years ago, when the brothers were quarrelling, I took part against Cetewayo. My party, however, were outnumbered and routed, after a terrible fight, and were flying in all directions. I was mounted on a gray horse, and had with me a six-chambered revolver, with which I had done fair execution. We were pursued to the bank of the Tugela, which was running very high at the time, and quite impassable. There was certain death on the brink, probably death in it. I chose the latter; so I put my horse at the Tugela and got over safely, under a rain of assegais."

The story was narrated modestly, but there is no doubt that the "grayhorse" was ever a rallying point in the thickest of the battle. The courage which faced the foaming Tugela so won Cetewayo's heart that he sent messengers to the man

who exhibited it, seeking his friendship and offering to give him land. The rest is soon told. The acquaintance that com-

menced in esteem soon ripened into friendship and confidence. Lands were given to John Dunn, wives were offered him, and he became a great chief and counsellor in the Zulu nation.

His tribe numbers 2,000 men. The lands secured to him are for use and occupation, but he has only a life-interest in them.

On his death they revert to the nation, to which they belong,

and not to the King. It was during the early years of his trading and residence in Zululand that John Dunn carried on a lucrative trade in guns, which has been by some people stigmatised as contraband.

The commerce was conducted openly; the firearms came through Delagoa Bay, and the question is an open one. With the cattle obtained by the barter of guns, Dunn became the largest stockholder in Zululand.

His wealth is computed by those who know at £40,000. John Dunn is not a tall man, but the symmetrical proportions of the figure of an athlete add height to the stature, and give one the idea of great energy and endurance. His eyes

—the striking feature that emphasizes a

not unattractive countenance—are of a

steel-grey blue, full, penetrating, and con-

tinually changing their tint with the

varying moods of a temper that is held

under complete control. A tawny-brown

beard adds to the somewhat leonine aspect

of his face, which is redeemed from fierce-

ness by the stamp of unmistakable

intelligence. His manner is that of a man

whose will is law; but his speech has a

gentleness about it, acquired, no doubt,

from the constant use of what is really one

of the most melodious languages in the

world. There is a slight trace of a Scotch

accent in his conversation, and a not un-

pleasant canniness suggestive of Scottish

descent. Dunn is an unequalled shot as

well as rider. A temperate, hardy, out-

door life is the secret of his vigorous and

youthful appearance. He rises very early,

and usually occupies himself till nine—his

breakfast hour—with listening to the

Indumas or headmen of his tribe, who,

squatting round in a circle before the

verandah—the whole time passing round

and round the indispensable snuff-box—

furnish him with a minute account of all

that is going on, not alone in his neighbor-

hood, but in the surrounding country.

Thus there is scarcely a movement made

in any part of Zululand, a plot hatched,

an intrigue carried on; a murder committed,

a marriage celebrated, a child born in the

neighborhood, that he does not hear about

it at once. This power of obtaining the

fullest and most reliable information first-

hand, and the still greater power of dis-

entangling the truth in conflicting accounts,

together with a shrewd insight into Zulu

motives and character, made John Dunn

Cetewayo's most trusted adviser and

friend. Indeed, it is known that the King

seldom ventured to take any step of im-

portance without sending for him. And this

reliance in the safety and wisdom of his

counsel is common to the whole nation.

On a late occasion, before the recent war,

he boldly assured the King that the defeat

of his armies by the English was certain,

and that he would lose his kingdom, adding,

"The day you gather your men to wash

their spears in English blood, that same

day will I leave Zululand and be no friend

to your nation." He kept his word and

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